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The main issue of this article is Political actionism as social action. Political actionism is a radical form of contemporary art that consists of social protest with a political statement. Actionism as the instrumental-rational social action is considered in the context of Max Weber's interpretive sociology. It has evidence of art form and political protest either, a number of special characteristics. For example, actionism can't be announced.

Actionism is a response to a social and political situation but its appearance is rather a symptom of a problem than its illustration or critique, which is usually a traditional approach to political art. The emergence of political actionism can be linked like the impossibility of manifestation of citizen's personal and public freedom – that is why this manifestation becomes hyperbolized and assumes radical forms. Action analysis allows us to trace the dynamics of transformations of social reality, to identify the main processes and factors of its formation.

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